## SOCIETY'S BLESSINGS.

CONVERSATIONALIST AND THE CLEV-ER DINNER GIVER.

Philosophical Reflections Upon the Necessities of Perfect Social Success-Three Indispensable Requirements-Three Opinions.

Three young men stood upon the street corner the other day. One was an "old chappie," the other was an "old man," and the third was a "deah boy." They were discussing the question of what were the greatest blessings on earth. "Old chappie" thought a woman who conversed well was the noblest work of the Almighty: but then he is a great talker himself, and was speaking entirely from a personal point of view. The "old man," being a great eater. declared a man that gave good dinners was the best man in the world, and the "deah boy," who is rich and lazy, thought a good family servant was the most desirable thing on earth. They were not far out the way, after all.

Now, the woman who listens well is the one that converses well, for conversation is not monologue. The person that simply listens, although she appears to listen well, will eventually be found out. She is not so modest, if she is bright, that she is content to hear simply what you have to say without having her own say. You are boring ber, and you'll find it out, and then your conversation will not have been pleasant to you. She is a flatterer, this listener, and nothingelse. She starts you on your hobby. She is wrapt in attention as you ride the poor brute to death.

You pause for an instant and she says a word showing the deepest interest in a subject that is in reality entirely uninteresting to her, and off you go again. But when you finally dismount your Rosinante and take your leave you are painfully conscious that you did all the talking; that your ideas were being exhibited the whole evening, and if you know that she has ideas of her own you cannot help the reflection that she might herself have wished to give them a little airing, and you may come to the conclusion that the lady has been practicing a mild amount of hypocrisy.

"Old chappie" was right when he said a woman that conversed well was a social blessing, and there are many more blessings of this kind among women than there are among men. Women, generally speaking, have more leisure than men have: they read more light literature: they see more company, and they give more attention to the elegancies of life. Unfortunately the men who do nothing in our country, who should be the ones to cultivate the ornamental side of life, are not usually capable of cultivating anything but their own personal adornment.

But if it is impossible to get a good conversationalist out of a fool that does nothing it is equally impossible to expect a man to cultivate this luxury of social life when almost all of his time is devoted to his business or his profession. The shop should not be lugged into the parlors or the dining room, but how can it be expected that it should be excluded from those sacred precincts when men spend so much of their time in the shop? here should be more leisure, and then there would be more men who are able to maintain agreeable conversations.

Where the conversationalist shines with most luster is at dinner, and this brings us around to the remark at the beginning of this article of the "old man," who thought that the giver of good dinners was the greatest social blessing of all. Perhaps he is, and he is not only a blessing, but he is usually a man of intelligence as well. "Cookery is an art," says Brillat Savarin, "but to roast requires genius." That is a remark that applys to cooks and not to the employers of cooks.

The latter require talent, not only in the planning of the menu but also in the selection of the people who are to discuss it. A man is generally dependent upon the servants in the matter of the food and its cooking, and the good masculine dinner giver is thus nearly always a man of means; but the female dinner giver, who is the greatest blessing of all, need not be rich. Dad housekeepers, careless wives who do not love good eating themselves and are indifferent to the feelings of others, always have poor cooks.

But the woman who takes the trouble to teach the cook and to superintend her when she is engaged in her difficult art-nay, the elegant, well bred lady who does not disdain herself to sometimes make a good dish, and who is not ashamed to tell her guests that their praises of it are due to her rather than to her cook-this is the woman whom to to dine with is a pleasure.

The subject of servants is perhaps the most important household problem of the present day. The truth of the matter is that American life doesn't develop good servants. The American would rather do anything else than be a servant, because the servant is so generally degraded into a mere menial. To blacken another man's boots, to help another man to dress, to run on another man's errands, to be obliged to submit without a word to the humors and perty tempers of another man-all this is something that clashes with the independent feelings of the Americans. Because of this valets and butlers are never Americans, but are usually foreigners, who swallow their pride, pocketing "perquisites" in the mean time.

The colored man likewise, that used in the old times to be the ideal house servant, is getting too independent to follow his old calling with humility. There is not a bright outlook in this question of men servants. There will be no change for the better, as indeed it it is unreasonable to expect that there should be. If any change in desirable it is a change on the part of the employers. If they would treat their ser vants less as menials and more as employes who are equals, and are only subject to reasonable orders which they must execute respectfully, then there might be a larger supply of men who are willing to become

English Art in Nineteenth Century.

In future years, when we walk through the rooms di soted to the English painters in the National Gallery, we shall sum up the history of the art of the century ie a few broad sentences. We shall find that the mass of the English painters have relied simply upon nature, and per-sistently contented themselves with portraiture, the sentimental drama of daily life and the patient transcription of the phenomena of sea, sky and landscape, At the beginning of the century we shall notice that some painters named Barry, Fuseli, West and Haydon were haunted by poetic ambition, and imagined that it was possible to begin where Raphael and Michael Angelo had left off, and so continue to interest mankind by the rearrangement of lifeless formulæ and worn out conventions.

The productions of these men remain, however, mere historical curiosities. Then we shall observe a change in the current ideals of art and the appropriation of new stores of poetry and romance, of national legend and universal myth. But amidst the leading exponents of the new ideals we shall not distinguish common qualities other than evidences of wide literary culture, a tendency to dreaminess, symbolism and definiteness of sensible imagery, and a parti pris of imitative admiration of the works of the intense and complicated artists of the Fifteenth century, like Botticelli, Mantegna and Memling .-Theodore Child in Harper's.

Architecture in California.

The Americans have not the art of naking houses or a land picturesque. The traveler is enthusiastic about the exquisite drives through these groves of fruit, with the ashy or the snow covered hills for background and contrast, and he exclaims at the pretty cottages, vine and rose clad, in their semi-tropical setting, but if by chance he comes upon an old adobe or a Mexican ranch house in the country he has emotions of a different sort. There is little left of the old Spanish occupation, but the remains of it make the romance of the country and

appeal to our sense of fitness and beauty. It is to be hoped that all such historical associations will be preserved, for they give to the traveler th t which our country generally lacks, and which is so largely the attraction of Italy and Spain. Instead of adapting and modifying the houses and homes that the climate suggests, the new American comers have brought to California from the east the smartness and prettiness of our modern nondescript architecture. The low house, with recesses and galleries, built round an inner court or patio, which, however small, would fill the whole interior with sunshine and the scent of flowers, is the sort of dwelling that would suit the climate and the habit of life here .-Charles Dudley Warner in Harper's.

What Every Man Should Know. No part of the toilet should ever be performed in public. All such operations as cleaning or cutting the nails, picking the teeth, removing shreds of dried skin from the face or hands, pulling out stray hairs from the beard or scalp, should be performed in the privacy of one's own apartment, not on the street, in the car or boat, or in the drawing room. Some men consider they are nuite justified in scraping and paring their nails in the presence of their families assembled at the breakfast table if they preface the action with a perfunctory "Excuse me," or "By your leave." Others do not take the trouble to apol-

ogize even thus slightly. And without pessimism it may be affirmed that only exceptionally does one find a man who will not pick his teeth after a meal, if not before guests or in a public restaurant, at least in the presence of his family. There are still households in which it is considered quite a touch of elegance to pass a glass of toothpicks as the final course of the

Abstinence from the above mentioned 'small vices," and from others of the same school, may be termed the first step in good breeding. Such avoidance is among the things a man ought to know and to practice.-Harper's Bazar.

Where Bachelorhood Is Taxed.

A novel suggestion on the subject of taxation comes indirectly through the state department from Venezuela. Now that political economy is so largely occupying the public mind, the suggestion may be very interesting and valuable to revenue experts. The municipal council of Caracas has promulgated a law which provides for an impost on all bachelors residing within the jurisdiction. Every unmarried man over 25 is required to pay an income tax of 1 per cent. on an income of not more than \$5,000, or 2 per cent. if his income exceeds that amount. The poetic justice of this thing is in making these men who will not take upon themselves family responsibilities the duty of providing revetue for the community. It is designed also to discourage the indulgence of single blessedness. It is possible that some reformer may make some, such proposition to promote matrimony and raise revenue in this country.-Chicago News.

Nebuchadnezzar's Doorstep.

In the Egyptian and Assyrian gallery of the British museum, and in close contiguity to the Hittite monument and the bronge gates of Shalmanezer, there is an object of more than ordinary interesta bronze doorstep from the great temple of E-Saggil at Dorsippa, a suburb or di-vision of Babylon. The doorstep has not only the name of Nebuchadnezzar inscribed upon it, but also mentions his health or restoration to health. From this it is presumed to have been a votive offering .- St. Louis Republic.

The most complex of all the animal tissues is the brain. The fibers of ore single optic nerve have been counted under a microscope to the number of about 300,000. The number in the brain must therefore be immense. So with regard to cells; they are countless. No method of science has been able to count the cells in a single square quarter of an inch of the cutate severing of the brain

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Dated at Alma, Jan-25, 1891.

J. W. HOLMES,
BART MILLER.

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Dated Jan's 21st 1951, Jas L. Clairs.

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